

# Advance information June 2022

## A-Level History (7042)

### Version 1.0

Because of the ongoing impacts of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, we are providing advance information on the focus of June 2022 exams to help students revise.

This is the advance information for **A-level History (7042), 2F The Sun King: Louis XIV, France and Europe, 1643–1715.**

## Information

- This notice covers advanced information for **7042/2F The Sun King: Louis XIV, France and Europe, 1643–1715.**
- There are no restrictions on who can use this notice.
- This notice is meant to support final revision.
- The format/structure of the papers remains unchanged.
- You are **not** permitted to take this notice into the exam.

## Advice

- Students and teachers can discuss this advance information notice.
- Questions will be drawn from one or more of the indicated areas of specification content.
- The information is presented in specification order and not in question order.
- Students **will** be credited for using any relevant knowledge when answering questions.
- Students **will not** be disadvantaged if solely using the areas indicated in this document. There is no expectation of knowledge beyond that identified in order to achieve full marks.
- It is advised that teaching and learning should still aim to address the entire subject content in the specification.

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## Focus of the June 2022 exam

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This paper will sample from the following areas of the specification content for **7042/2F**.

### **Part one: The Sun King, 1643–1685**

#### **Section one: The Regency, 1643–1661**

- N/A

#### **Section two: The establishment of Absolutism at home, 1661–1685**

- Louis XIV and the Church: disputes with the papacy; persecution of Jansenists; policies towards Huguenots and the Revocation Edict of 1685

#### **Section three: Louis XIV and Europe, 1661–1685**

- France and the Dutch Republic: relations between Louis XIV and Charles II of England; the Franco-Dutch War; the Peace of Nijmegen
- France and the policy of Reunions: the drive to annex 'lost' territories to France such as Luxembourg, Casale and Strasbourg; the Treaty of Ratisbon

### **Part two: Louis XIV in decline, 1685–1715**

#### **Section four: Challenges at home, 1685–1715**

- The personal monarchy: the strengths and weaknesses of royal government; the influence of Madame de Maintenon
- Finance and the economy: problems after Colbert; the costs of war
- Louis XIV and the Church: Gallicanism; relations with Huguenots; Jansenists and Quietists
- Pressures from below: social divisions; problems with the regions; discontent and popular protests

#### **Section five: Challenges in Europe, 1685–1697**

- The new balance of power: the position of France in relation to the European powers by 1697; the impact of years of war on France's economic and military resources; the prospects of future wars

#### **Section six: France defeated, 1697–1715**

- The issue of the Spanish Succession: the aims and policies of France; the international response to French claims; the outbreak of war

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